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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, MAY 24

Montana State University will confer an honorary doctor of science degree upon Charles E. Erdmann, distinguished American geologist, at commencement exercises June 4, President H. K. Newburn announced.

Erdmann, research geologist with the Branch of Mineral Classification, U. S. Geological Survey, Great Falls, was cited in 1959 by the Secretary of the Interior for distinguished service. The citation recognized his "long and eminent career of outstanding contributions to the science of fuels as related to the classification of public lands."

He is credited by Dr. Fred S. Honkala, chairman of the MSU Geology Department, with having done more "to define the natural resources of Montana and to assist in their development than any other living person."

The geologist has been primarily responsible for the recent extensive U.S.G.S. evaluations of Montana coal deposits, according to Honkala. The search for every oil field discovered in Montana in the last 30 years has in all probability started with a consultation of the structural contour map of the Montana plains co-authored by Erdmann, Honkala said..

Erdmann's studies of dam sites in northwestern Montana provided critical data for the location of the Hungry Horse and Libby dam sites, and the location of future dam sites in western Montana will require reference to his studies, Honkala added.

In addition to his specific contributions to Montana, Erdmann has done significant work in the field of military geology and in research in structural geology and stratigraphy, according to Honkala.

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Erdmann was the official delegate of the U.S.G.S. to the 21st International Geological Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, last year. He is a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science, a member of many other professional societies, and the author of more than 30 publications.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Erdmann joined the U.S.G.S. as a junior geologist in 1924, after taking a bachelor's degree in mining engineering and a master's in geology at the University of Minnesota. He served in the Marine Corps in World War I.

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